

19th July 2022

PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF PRESTON RICHARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ENDMOOR VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 18th July 2022

Cllrs Present (Chair), Cllr M Smith, I Park, A Atkinson, G Galbraith, County/
District R Bingham, Cllr Mrs J Battye and Mrs A Park (Clerk).

Apologies: Cllrs D Inman, Mrs M Daunt, I Mason

51.22 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION – None

52.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

53.22 MINUTES – The minutes of the June meeting were confirmed as true and accurate records

54.22 B4RNPR BROADBAND UPDATE - Mr Lyons sent the following report:
The major outstanding issue is the 'Hard Dig' through the inner part of the village. A site meeting was held with B4RN representatives when it was confirmed this would go ahead but timing was still not settled because in the immediate future their resources were fully committed in other localities.

55.22 SPEEDWATCH – The Clerk informed the meeting the Speed Gun has been calibrated and is now with the Speedwatch group and another new member has joined the group. The Speed Indicator Devices have been reset and are gathering data in readiness for the September Meeting.

56.22 OPEN SESSION – The Clerk has received concerns regarding the footpath from the A6 to Gatebeck Road as the gate has been removed and a wall resurrected by Story Homes. The Clerk stated her understanding was that the footpath was always going to be moved but would still be in place when the building work was complete albeit moved slightly. She had written to Story Homes for confirmation of this and is waiting their response. She had also been asked to look into the grass being left on the paths in the play area when the grass was cut last time. This having been discussed this with the contractor he advised they had been unable to blow the paths clear due children being there. As this process normally takes 10 minutes the Parish Council have agreed for safety reasons the children should be asked to move out of the area where the grass blowing takes place to allow the grass to be removed from the paths. On the matter of Tim Farron MP's none attendance at the 'Levelling up' meeting in June Cllr J. Battye responded to this request stating that he does attend most of the meetings but not all, however he is very involved in the levelling up process and would be happy to receive ideas on his summer tour when he visits Endmoor Village Bakery from 3pm – 3:30pm on August 15th.

57.22 POLICE REPORT – Cllr Bingham stated the drug problem is getting worse particularly in Kendal and the surrounding villages due to dealers coming up the M6 then through the villages. Whilst there are many surveillance cameras in place no information is made public. Cybercrime is also on the increase. Little of note has been happening in our area but all information is shown on the police website or Facebook Page [Arnside, Milnthorpe, and Endmoor - Cumbria Constabulary](#) or on their [Facebook Page \(4\) South Lakes Police | Facebook](#)

58.22 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCIL MATTERS –

Cllr Bingham advised Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) seems to have disrupted the activities of Cumbria County and SLDC which makes it difficult to make headway on current matters. Highways in particular are hard to contact. He advised verge cutting will be undertaken in September when the wayside plants will have broadcast their seeds and on road matters, he has donated his current Members Highways allowance of £6,000 to be added to the division's resurfacing fund for 2022 -2023. Locally the Clerks list of repairs needed in Preston Richard has been forwarded to Highways as no officer has been available to go round with me for my annual survey of Highways in my Division. SLDC planning has also been difficult to contact, officers were absent and the CEO was busy. SLDC has had warnings particularly about prices of petrol which will impact on Council Services, household bills have risen and to alleviate families in need the County's retention of free meals should help. According to a County report child obesity has risen for infants from 9.9% in 2020 to 14.14% in 2022 and for year 6 pupils from 21% to 25%. South Lakeland's finances are reportedly healthy partly because the envisaged drop in Car Parking revenue did not occur thanks to a boom in holidays at home as a result of difficulties in journeys abroad. Meanwhile yet another strain of COVID is here.

59.22 HIGHWAYS – The list of recently reported highways problem as stated has been sent to CCC Highways by Cllr Bingham and individually reported by the Clerk in an effort to get some action. Cllr Galbraith stated the pothole outside the sewage works has got worse, the Clerk will re-report.

60.22 STREET LIGHTS ON LOW PARK The Clerk advised 7 lighting columns have been ordered to replace those on Low Park that need replacing.

61.22 PLAYING FIELD/VILLAGE HALL –

- The drainage improvement work on the Jubilee Playing Field has been postponed until April 2023 and the contractor has very kindly agreed to hold the price. The Clerk has ringfenced £8K for this work.
- The Jubilee Playing field is now part of SLDC's Public Space Protection Order in that NO DOGS ARE ALLOWED on the area, enforcement officers operate in this area and a maximum fine of £1000 applies for offenders. People attending the Village Hall Car Park are allowed to have their dogs on the car park provided they are on a lead and should fouling occur this must be removed by the dog's owner. Signage was discussed and Cllr Galbraith proposed the signage, Cllr Atkinson seconded all agreed.
- Cllr Smith advised he had been doing some painting on the play equipment. and stated some work was needed on other pieces of equipment, Cllr Park offered his help. Cllr Smith will let him know when. The roof of the train needs attention, Cllr Smith will contact the joiner regarding this.

- The matter of a Jubilee tree was discussed and an inspection to see where this could be placed, however it was difficult to find a suitable place due to all the trees already on there it was thought perhaps two benches on the field would be more appropriate, this will be discussed at the next meeting. The sloping area of the Village Hall Garden was also discussed in the light of recent events whereby cars were scratched and fences hidden by trees and the clerk was asked to get quotes to improve this area.

62.22 LENGTHSMAN – The Lengthsman has been busy cutting grass verges and vegetation. The matter of the hedge on the road to the school was raised and the clerk was asked to request the Lengthsman to cut this back.

63.22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR INPUT & DECISIONS
NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS: - None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

SL/2022/0409 - Little Acres, Crooklands, MILNTHORPE - Replacement dwelling & retaining the siting of 2 temporary caravans in garden for the duration of the works approved under planning permission SL/2021/1060

SL/2022/0224 - Land Adjacent North Lodge, Crooklands - Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved for two detached dwellings

SL/2021/0577 - Beech Lee Gatebeck Lane Endmoor - Replacement dwelling and garage and change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage.

PLANNING NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED: -

SL/2022/0353- 1 Elm Grove, Endmoor – Replacement garage– granted with condition

64.22 FINANCE

- Quarter 1 report was gone through and approved.

Paid between meetings:

Max Recycle (May) £65.99	Wages and expense £819.03
HMRC (tax) £232.92	Playdale Playgrounds Ltd £21,144.66
Amazon £19.99 (lock for gate)	Altitude Services £723.10 Street light inspection
Netherfield Cricket Club £109.20	D&C Atkinson (June) £241.60
Endmoor Choir £54.66	Max Recycle (June XS) £10.20

Payments received – SLDC £21,144.66 play area

Xfers between accounts: 23/06/22 £25k from Dep to Cur a/c
01/07/22 £24K from Cur to Dep a/c

Next Meeting – Monday 19th September 2022

Closed meeting – 8.55pm